

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 23, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m. - Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Joseph Fabini, Ron Larrivee Robert Olson Jr.

County: Chuck Mopps, Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with a roll call establishing a quorum is present.

The minutes from the October 10, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

Election of Officers

- Mr. Fabini nominated Mr. Larrivee to remain as Chair; there were no other nominations and Mr. Larrivee accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Larrivee nominated Mr. Fabini to remain as Vice Chair; there were no other nominations and Mr. Fabini accepted the nomination.

Public Input:

- Mr. Pilch requested a status on the Dredging Project schedule, costs, markers, and time of completion. He stated that the project has been very good. He asked to be added to the Committee distribution list.
- Mr. Mango commented on the markers and dredging in the center of the channels. If the dredging is shifted to one side, only one set of markers would have to be relocated.

Unfinished Business:

Dredging Project – Mr. Mopps, the Coastal Projects Manager, responded to the Public Input questions and provided information as follows.

- **Cost** - the project is on budget with the contractor. The inspection by County staff has run over budget due to the extended length of time of the project. The delays were due to weather. Two requests to extend the completion date have been received by the County.
- **Markers** – all markers will be moved or replaced by new markers. The State required that the past dredging alignment be maintained. The new markers will be funded by West Coast Inland Navigational District (WCIND), not the MSBU.
- **Time Frame** - the current completion date is February 27, 2014 in accordance with the granted Change Orders. The contractor may request an additional 14 day extension which would take the project to mid-March. Previous Change Orders included granting the Contractor 20 additional days to dredge a plug at the end of Apollo Waterway (preventing full utilization of waterway) at no further cost. If the Contractor exceeds the completion date; they will enter into Liquidated Damages and be charged for each day beyond that date. Those funds will be refunded to the MSBU to be used for other items such as the County staff inspection time or the Consultant's time.
- **No Wake Zones** – minimum wake zones will stay the same at the mouths of the canals unless the Committee requests them to be changed. This would be a future MSBU Agenda item and requires approval from the Board of County Commissioners. The more the boats use the canal, the better the sand will stay at the canal sides and be navigable. The wake zone/speed does not impact this.

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- Dredging Status – currently all the rough cutting out the main channel to the 2nd Y intersection of the channel (Station 64) facing the Venus Canal has been completed. The dredge box will be separated with one dredge working towards Venus and the other towards Cheshire.
- Dredged Soil - is going to an upland development site in Sarasota County. The contractor is paying \$2.25 per cubic yard for the fill in accordance with State Law so that it can be legally hauled away.
- Shellfish Harvesting - the request to extend the closure period of the shellfish harvesting area has been submitted and is expected to be granted.
- There was discussion regarding fishing and crab traps in the channels. Once the channel has been marked, fishing is not allowed in the channels and should be reported to Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. A picture of the numbers on a crab trap buoy will identify the fisherman.
- There has been one complaint regarding the noise from the dredging equipment from a Riverwood resident.

Residential Dockside Dredging – residents that would like residential dockside dredging done should contact Marine Construction Group at 941-505-0221. The County is not responsible for any dockside dredging. These agreements will be between the resident and contractor.

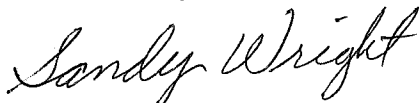
New Business:

- Financial Reports – The Financial History and Activity Reports were distributed for review and discussion. There was discussion regarding the GDC refund payments; Ms. Nothdurft will follow up on the length of time the payments will continue and report back.
- There was discussion regarding the water pipes hanging down below the bridge on Biscayne possibly impeding some boats. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up and report back.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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